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[] in course of general discussion informed Charge that [] Ambassador saw him October 24 to express his government's serious concern with US Cuba blockade. Ambassador became quite heated when [] pointed out deep concern felt by Norwegian Government that Khrushchev should so miscalculate obvious and inevitable US reaction to Soviet step of arming Cuba with offensive missiles. When [] went further to state that US action was very minimum which could be expected under circumstances, [] Ambassador diverted to question of breach of international law involved in such blockade, and [] reply likened Soviet action in Cuba to placing armed aircraft carrier off American shores an act which transcended international law.

Comment: Aside from significance of [] demarche, foregoing is interesting as view of authoritative Norwegian official which has not been heretofore expressed as official government position and contrasts with cautious public position set forth in Lange's Storting speech this morning (separately reported).

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